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**Incoming maintenance group commander  
greet troops**



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**Front Cover: Lt. Col. Harry Chrisman, incoming Maintenance Group commander, shakes hands with Senior Master Sgt. Tommy Robinson, 717th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron production supervisor, at the 917 MXG Change of Command held on July 13. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant)**

## From the Top

If you're faced with yet another one of life's many changes, you're not alone. Change is one of the most difficult things humans have to deal with, and no one is immune to its effects. We're all affected in some way by the numerous changes we've recently witnessed in the Wing: change of command ceremonies, farewell dinners and retirements, to name a few.

Coping with change can be difficult. Some cope better than others. In fact, there are entire professions dedicated to helping people deal with the dreaded curves that life delivers.

One approach to change is to welcome it. The great Greek philosopher, Aristotle, claimed that time did not exist except for change. We may individually think that we are the same as we have always been, but we all change in imperceptible ways. So, Aristotle says, "Cooperate with this great truth, and resolve to change in ways that are great and good."

At the organizational level, changing the way we do business can be a good thing. The recent Unit Compliance Inspection highlighted a few areas where we need to improve our approach in order to accomplish our mission more effectively. And we count on individuals to identify problem areas and implement changes.



**Col. Rick Volden**  
**917th Operations Group Commander**

So look to make changes for the better, welcome new processes, and get involved in making them happen. Aristotle knew what he was talking about. Seldom is there something so good that it can't be made better!

## All are invited...

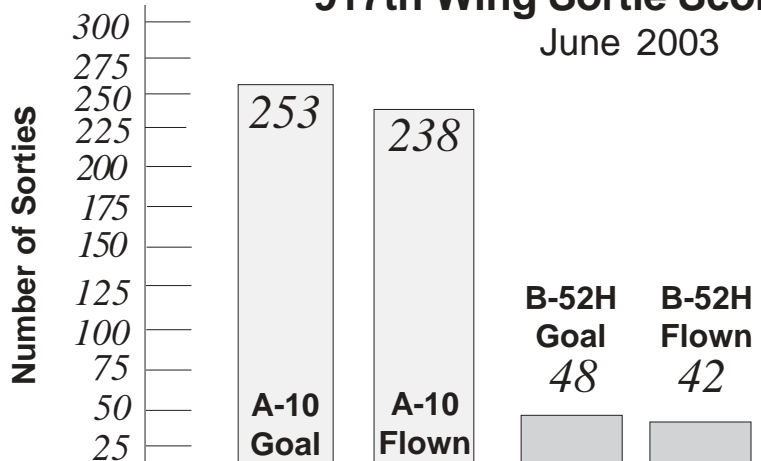
Chief Master Sgt. Larry Brock Retirement

Aug. 2 @ 3 p.m.

917th Maintenance Group 3rd floor training room  
(Bldg. 6825)

## 917th Wing Sortie Scoreboard

June 2003



**A-10 Mission Capable Rate 78%**

**B-52H Mission Capable Rate 59.3%**

**AFRC Goal 75%**

**AFRC Goal 65%**



# HELPING *out of* LOVE *for* OTHERS

(This article is part two of a three-part series on volunteerism.)

**By Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant**  
**Wing Public Affairs**

Cries for help can be heard over the loud tapping of hammers, as three groups of over 30 third and fourth-grade campers attempt to construct birdhouses. In the center of the group sit Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bill Willis and wife, Judy, on bended knee, guiding students through every step of the construction process.

After nearly 16 years in the Air Force Reserve and over 23 years in the ministry, Bill, 917<sup>th</sup> Wing chaplain, and Judy volunteer to co-direct the Younger Elementary Camp, a camp for third and fourth-graders of all faiths, in Istrouma, La., a small town 10 miles north-east of Baton Rouge, from June 30-July 3.

Volunteering is not at all new to the Willis's. In fact, it is the very thing that brought them together. Judy was directing a youth group, and Bill offered to help as a counselor. The rest as they say...is history.

In addition to being camp co-directors, Judy and Bill have offered to help over the years with various church camps and civic organizations like the Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary Clubs, Special Olympics and Habitat for Humanity.

They do it, Bill says, due to their love for others.

"It just gives me a lot of joy to help educate the children and help them on their faith journey, to see them growing in Christ," Judy said.

"God gives us a variety of talents that others may or may not have," Bill said. "These gifts are not just for our benefit...but are intended to be shared to benefit others."



**Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bill Willis, 917th Wing chaplain, helps campers build their birdhouses. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant)**

"They have a real understanding of children and the problems they sometimes experience," said Josh Adkisson, camp counselor. "One of the children was homesick, and they (Bill and Judy) sat down with him and worked through it."

"The truth is...when we are willing to volunteer our time to help others, we often receive much more than we give," Bill said. "It's called God's economy...the more we give, the more we receive."

"Every camp experience has its own unique rewards," he said. "Some who attend camp come to us with problems at home and can be quite a challenge. But they are often the ones who benefit the most from the camp experience. Watching our campers have a great time is the greatest reward for us."

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*Chaplain  
(Lt. Col.) Bill  
Willis*

# Reservists see how decisions are made

**By Master Sgt. Greg Steele**  
**917<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance**  
**Squadron**

In June 2003, seven members of the 917<sup>th</sup> Wing were able to ask questions concerning their career and livelihood surrounding the Reserve while attending the Headquarters Orientation Course at the Pentagon in Washington D.C.

The purpose of the course is to provide a big picture of congressional processes that concern reservists, both as military members and civilians.

"This is an awesome deal," said Master Sgt. Rob Ahbol, 917<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group work group manager. "I believe reservists who attend this orientation will learn how the Reserve works on Capital Hill and at the Pentagon. I have been shown we do have a voice in the Air Force Reserve."

"The most important thing I hope members get from the course is that they

can make a difference in the Air Force Reserve in multiple areas, such as being a constituent, voicing their opinion to congress and being involved in the change of the Air Force Reserve," said Chief Master Sgt. Troy McIntosh, Policy

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*Chief Master Sgt. Troy McIntosh*

Integration Directorate superintendent. "I also hope they will get an idea of how decisions are made at this level and the processes that are used."

McIntosh, who has worked at the Pentagon for the past five years, plays several roles during the orientation, including host, speaker and tour guide.

His office, the Policy Integration Directorate, is multi-tasked with congressional monitoring for policy, issues and entitlements. It is also the Commanders Action Group for Lt. Gen. James Sherrard III, commander of the Air Force Reserve Command.

"At no point do we give up our right as Americans to voice our opinion as long as we provide an accurate picture of the program and the Reserve direction," said McIntosh. "Don't be the one doing all the talking, be the one making the change!"

Throughout this summer, Wing reservists will attend the orientation and find out answers to questions they may have. This orientation consists of three classes: enlisted (E 4-9), officer (any grade), and Wing commanders. For more information, Contact McIntosh at [Troy.McIntosh@pentagon.af.mil](mailto:Troy.McIntosh@pentagon.af.mil) or visit the Pentagon Web site: <http://www.pentagon.af.mil/>.



Members of the 917th Wing speak with Chief Master Sgt. Troy McIntosh, Air Force Reserve Command superintendent of policy integration, in front of the U.S. Capitol building in Washington D.C., while at the Headquarters Orientation Course, held from June 15-18. Pictured from left to right: Master Sgt. Tina Chasteen, 917th Mission Support Squadron Orderly Room noncommissioned officer-in-charge, Tech. Sgt. Dwayne Richards, 917 MSS Personnel Readiness NCOIC, McIntosh, and Master Sgt. Rob Ahbol, 917th Mission Support Group work group manager. (Photo by Master Sgt. Greg Steele)





Brig. Gen. Jack Ihle, 917th Wing commander, passes the squadron flag to Lt. Col. Harry Chrisman, incoming commander, as Chrisman assumes command of the 917th Maintenance Group on July 13. Pictured in background: Chief Master Sgt. James Enkey, 917th Quality Assurance superintendent. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant)

## Changing Faces

By Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant  
Wing Public Affairs

## Maintenance group gets new commander

The 917<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Group has a new commander, Lt. Col. Harry Chrisman. During a change of command ceremony held during the July Unit Training Assembly, the flag was passed from Col. George Pierce to Chrisman, who comes to the 917<sup>th</sup> Wing after commanding the 911 MXG, Pittsburg IAPARS, Penn., for the last four years.

"The scope of this unit (917MXG) is so much bigger," he said. "I'm going from nine airplanes and about 240 people in Pittsburg to 27 airplanes and about 740 people here. That's the really extraordinary thing about coming to Barksdale."

"I have to learn a new weapons system," said Chrisman. "I'm an old-time C-130 guy and haven't done a whole lot with other aircraft. So, it's going to be exciting to learn about this new system."

Pierce, who leaves the 917 MXG to take a position at Air Force Reserve Command headquarters, reflects on the many accomplishments of the maintenance group during his 18-month reign as commander.

"We deployed personnel and equipment twice to both Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom," Pierce said. "We

accomplished most of the phase inspections on the B-52 during the spring of 2002. And we did an outstanding job on both the Unit Compliance Inspection and the Maintenance Standardization and Evaluation Program."

"My journey at the 917<sup>th</sup> was fast paced," he said. "And I will draw upon the experience I gained at Barksdale time and time again during my tour here at headquarters."

Chrisman says he feels honored to have been selected as the next maintenance group commander. "I'm really impressed by this unit, and I think it's a remarkable thing to become a part of it."

**Col. George Pierce, outgoing 917 MXG commander, puts his bicycle helmet on. The helmet was one of many parting gifts bestowed upon him at his going-away party held on July 12. (Photo by Master Sgt. Jessica D'Aurizio)**



# 307 RHS returns home from paving road to Iraqi freedom

By Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant  
Wing Public Affairs

After nearly six months in the hot, sandy deserts of Iraq and parts unknown, members of the 307<sup>th</sup> RED HORSE Squadron returned home just in time to celebrate the 4th of July with their families.

While called to serve in support of the war on terrorism, they participated in the completion of various construction projects from building roads for munitions transport to road and runway construction and repair.

This is the first time this RED HORSE squadron has received mobilization orders, and for one of its members, Tech. Sgt. Helen Switzer, the first time

ever deploying during her 12-year career in the military.

"I felt we were really involved in the war effort," Switzer said. "When building a road or repairing a runway...those things had a direct impact on the mission as a whole. The road allowed the munitions people to transport munitions where they needed to go; the runway allowed for airplanes to be brought into Baghdad."

Switzer says she is ready and willing to go if called again. "I've already been there, and I know what it is like," she said. "It's my duty, and I'll go when and where I am needed."



Channel 12 News Military Affairs and Homeland Security Reporter Bob Burns, interviews Lt. Col. Rodney Roberts, 307 RHS commander, at the homecoming celebration on June 27. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant)



Right: Melisa Wiser holds back tears as her husband, Tech. Sgt. John Wiser, 307 RHS pavement construction equipment operator, holds their brand-new baby, Hannah, for the very first time. Haileigh (pictured with American flag), the couple's older daughter, hugs her dad. (Photo by Master Sgt. Jessica D'Aurizio)



Above: Grandchildren of Tech. Sgt. Donnie Brown, 307 RHS pavement construction equipment operator, welcome him home. Pictured from left to right: Ashton Arnold, Crow, Alexis Arnold and Cody Crager. Left: Tech. Sgt. George Harris, construction equipment operator, is greeted by Roberts at the homecoming celebration. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant)





construction equipment  
Joshua Tyndall, Kalie  
s, 307 RHS pavement  
ning. (Photos by Staff



Tech. Sgt. Kevin Reed, 307th RED HORSE Squadron pavement construction equipment operator, holds his newborn baby, Devin, for the first time upon his return home from a forward operating location. Approximately one-half of the over 30 RED HORSE members deployed returned home on June 27; the other half returned on July 1. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant)

# Wing news...

## Show appreciation to your employer

Reservists assigned to the 917th Wing will once again have the opportunity to invite their civilian employers to visit Barksdale and take an orientation flight on Nov. 1. A form to nominate your employer will be included in the next *Gator Gazette*.

## Protective mask required for training

Members receiving either initial or refresher chem warfare training must bring their MCU-2A/P protective gas mask with them, irregardless of the training location. Anyone who fails to bring their mask to training will be turned away. Those not assigned to a mobility position can obtain a mask in Bldg. 6811, located directly behind the Wing headquarters building, from 7-9 a.m., on Saturday morning of the Unit Training Assembly. Masks issued from this location must be returned to Senior Master Steve Lindberg's office, Bldg. 6825, prior to departure from the UTA on Sunday. Anyone with questions regarding this procedure should call Senior Master Sgt. Bob Even, 917th Readiness Flight, at 456-9169.

## Apply now for Denson scholarship

The Chief Master Sgt. Cheryl T. Denson Memorial Foundation is taking applications for its second annual \$500 academic scholarship to be given to a qualified applicant in September. To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must be a member of the 917th Wing or a dependent and submit proof that they currently attend an accredited college full-time. A 300-word, double-spaced essay is required on the subject, "How do you support our U.S. Troops?"

Scholarship applications are available in unit orderly rooms, in the 917th Information Management Office, Bldg. 6803, Rm. 128, or in the Wing Customer Service Office, Bldg. 6803, Rm. 140. Scholarship applicants must submit complete scholarship packages no later than Aug. 15. Mail scholarship packages to: Chief Master Sgt. Cheryl T. Denson Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 46, Barksdale AFB, La., 71110. Call Senior Master Sgt. Margaret Mayweather, 917th Information Management, at 456-9859 or Master Sgt. Lenka Isaac, 917th Wing Customer Service, at 456-9205 for more information.

## Suits are needed for deceased veterans

Veterans who pass away at the Veterans Administration Medical Center may not have family who can afford a proper burial or anyone to claim their body. This means they are wrapped in a sheet for the funeral (paid for by the VA). This problem can be eliminated.

Suits you are no longer wearing may be donated to the VA, so that veterans can be laid to rest in dignity. Sizes are of no concern, but suits (rather than sports jackets) are requested. If you wish to donate, please contact retired Master Sgt. William (Billy Bob) Braidwood, VA Hospital volunteer, by e-mail at [ammo\\_retired@earthlink.net](mailto:ammo_retired@earthlink.net).

## Help wanted in Wing Safety

The 917th Wing Safety Office has two traditional reserve mobility positions available for the Air Force Specialty Code 1S0X1, in both ground and weapons safety. The safety career field encompasses construction safety, mishap investigation, analysis and trend computations, operations and facilities evaluation, inspection and survey, and risk assessment. Persons in the positions will consult with commanders, functional managers, supervisors and fellow reservists concerning safety education and awareness promotion.

Applicants must attend three-level technical training which lasts seven weeks, with additional required training to follow. If interested, contact Master Sgt. Harry Bauer, for ground safety, at 456-9087, or Tech. Sgt. Roy Walls for weapons safety at 456-2962.

## Talk the talk...walk the walk

The 917th Wing Fitness Walk is scheduled for Oct. 4 at 2 p.m., at the A-10 hangar/flight line. BDUs and combat boots are not allowed. Contact Tech Sgts. Jeffery Butler or Byron Hardy, 917th Medical Squadron, at 456-9618/8046 for more information.

## Wing Cultural Assessment to take place in September

By Senior Airman Ebony Nichols  
Wing Public Affairs

CultureWorks, Inc., a culture assessment company based in Tucson, Ariz., will assess the 917th Wing in September.

Based on the recommendation of Maj. Gen. David Tanzi, 10th Air Force commander, a small group will visit the Wing and begin their evaluation on Sept. 5 and conclude it on Sept. 9.

The workshop identifies the culture of the Wing and relates that culture to accident and mishap prevention.

"The assessment phase is a three-day process, which will give the unit an honest (cultural) assessment that stays in-house," said Lt. Col. Charlie Morgan, 917th Wing performance planner.

The group will visit offices throughout the Wing and conduct short interviews with members on the first day of the assessment. Day two will consist of three seminars, where attendees will be separated by rank. A leadership seminar and an out-briefing will take place on the third day of the visit.

The training phase takes place on Days four and five in two-hour modules. (A schedule will be publicized in the September *Gator Gazette*.) Titles of the four basic subjects to be discussed during the training phase are: Culture 101, Performance Documentation and Counseling, Communication, and Team. The results of the assessment phase will be incorporated in these instructional blocks.

For more information, contact Morgan by phone at 456-9588 or by e-mail at [Charlie.Morgan@barksdale.af.mil](mailto:Charlie.Morgan@barksdale.af.mil).

## Summer fun explosion!

Pool party  
Aug. 2  
7:30-11 p.m.  
Officers Club pool  
\$5.00 donation



# 101 Critical Days of Summer:

## *Be safe while boating*

By Maj. Frank Stepongzi  
Wing Safety



One of the more popular outdoor activities during the summer-time is boating. Before taking to the lakes, ocean or inland waterways, take a moment to prepare and consider some rules of safety:

- ◆Have enough fuel in the boat for the entire trip, or plan fuel stops.
- ◆Check the battery to ensure engine start every time.
- ◆Make sure to have enough personal flotation devices aboard, one per person.
- ◆Always wear a lifejacket when underway. Remember that life jackets save lives, but only if they're worn.
- ◆Always operate at a safe speed, at a safe distance from the shore and other boats, and in a responsible manner.
- ◆Keep a lookout for other boats. Even if you know the rules, others may not. So operate defensively.

◆Bring an adequate amount of water to drink. Soft drinks and beer don't quench one's thirst, not to mention boating and alcohol do not mix.

◆Bring plenty of sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor of 15 or greater. Make sure to cover all exposed or potentially exposed parts of the body.

For the novice boater, a course in boating safety is essential. The following are some on-line courses available on boating safety:

- ◆U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary  
[www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org)
- ◆Boat U.S. Foundation  
[www.boatus.org/onlinecourse/](http://www.boatus.org/onlinecourse/)
- ◆Boat Ed  
[www.boat-ed.com](http://www.boat-ed.com)
- ◆Boating Safety  
[www.boatingsafety.com](http://www.boatingsafety.com)
- ◆Boat Safe  
[www.boatsafe.com](http://www.boatsafe.com)

There are many other things to consider depending on your boating activity like bait and tackle, water skis, and or picnic lunches. Take a few minutes before leaving to make sure you have everything! Have fun, be safe!

## 917th Wing Salutes

### NEWCOMERS

#### **307 RHS**

Capt. Mark Geer, Shreveport, La.  
1st Lt. Alfredo Maldonado, West Monroe, La.  
Senior Airman Adam Myers, Pinola, Miss.  
Tech. Sgt. Ricky Turner, Terrytown, La.

#### **717 AMXS**

Master Sgt. Michael Thompson, Benton, La.

#### **917 AMXS**

Capt. Kimberly Rizo, Covington, La.

#### **917 CES**

Airman Paul Gillard, Jacksonville, Texas

#### **917 CF**

Senior Airman Joseph McDonald, Bossier City, La.

#### **917 LRS**

Tech. Sgt. Glenn McBride, Tyler, Texas

#### **917 MDS**

Staff Sgt. Angelique Annese, Shreveport, La.

2nd Lt. LeSharn Jones, Jacksonville, Ark.

Senior Airman Natalie Mass, Bossier City, La.

Airman 1st Class Samantha Ramos, Shreveport, La.

#### **917 MXG**

Lt. Col. Harry Chrisman III, Shreveport, La.

#### **917 MXS**

Senior Master Sgt. Scott Anderson, Fort Worth, Texas

#### **917 SFS**

Senior Airman James Ott, Shreveport, La.

Senior Airman Warren Walker, Shreveport, La.

#### **917 WG**

Master Sgt. Michael Croxton, Fort Worth, Texas

2nd Lt. Torri White, Shreveport, La.

### PROMOTIONS

#### **To Chief Master Sergeant.:**

James Singleton, 917 MDS

#### **To Master Sergeant:**

Jimmy Beasley, 917 MXS

Leslie Brisco, 307 RHS

Jeffrey Hammond II, 917 MDS

Alan Horn, 917 MXS

Lump Mayberry II, 917 CES

Jimmy Mobley Jr., 917 CES

David Owens, 917 MSS

Gavin Smith, 917 MXS

Stephen Waller, 917 LRS

#### **To Technical Sergeant:**

Gregory Atkins, 917 MXS

Byron Bowens, 917 SFS

Stuart Greer, 917 LRS

Christopher Holland, 917 AMXS

Jerry James, 917 MXS

Jennifer Moody, 917 MDS

Rodney Price, 917 MXS

Marshall Reppond, 307 RHS

Robert Smith III, 307 RHS

Curtis Stough, 917 MXS

#### **To Staff Sergeant:**

John Abraham Jr., 93 BS

Michael Allen, 917 MDS

Emma Bolden, 917 MSS

Corry Borrass, 917 MDS

Wiley Brown, 717 AMXS

Edward Burtle, 917 CF

Randy Hopkins, 917 MXS

Melissa Hubbard, 917 MDS

Deandralette Latin, 917 CF

Jesse Saxon, 917 MXS

Jennifer Smith, 917 MSS

Tony Yarbrough, 917 CF

#### **To Senior Airman:**

Lakesha Bailey, 917 LRS

Matthew Beam, 917 MXS

Melissa Brown, 917 LRS

Justin Browning, 717 AMXS

Anthony Burks, 307 RHS

Marcus Coleman, 917 LRS

Alyson Darbonne, 917 MXS

Jamie Gentry, 917 MXS

Dexter Hodge, 307 RHS

Cynthia Karch, 307 RHS

Jason Middendorf, 917 AMXS

Timothy Morris, 917 CES

Quenekus Moss, 917 SVS

Trevor Phillips, 917 LRS

#### **To Airman 1st Class:**

Ronald Nance Jr., 917 CES

Chimere Smith, 917 LRS

Micole Smith, 917 MDS

Kit Thompson, 917 MDS

Ariel Wells, 917 CF

#### **To Airman:**

Patrick Adams, 917 LRS

Gavilan Jewitt, 917 LRS

Brandon Latham, 917 SFS

Jonathan Murphrey, 917 SFS

### RETIREMENTS

Chief Master Sgt. Larry Brock, 917 MXS

(See schedule of retirement ceremony on page 2 under commander's column.)

### AND THE WINNER IS...

**Master Sgt. David Owens**, 917th Mission Support Squadron assistant chief of Wing Education and Training, placed second in the Air Combat Command Artists/Craftsman Contest.

Owens, who built a cuckoo clock, placed first in the woodworking art category in the Barksdale Arts and Crafts Center contest in December 2002.

# The tradition continues...

## Wing member's son becomes third-generation reservist

By Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant  
Wing Public Affairs

Like father, like son...an expression seemingly as old as time and often true. In this case, however, it reaches back even further. Michael is third in a line of men who have chosen to serve in the Air Force Reserve, and more particularly at Duke Field.

"Duke Field is a one-of-a-kind place," said Master Sgt. Michael Mazerat Sr., 917<sup>th</sup> Medical Squadron medical service attendant and Michael's father. "My dad served there for 23 of his 41 years in the military. I started at Duke Field in 1977 and served 12 of my 26 years there, and now my son will be serving in the same Wing (the 919<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Wing) that my dad and I served in."

To have his son follow in his footsteps means a lot, Michael Sr. said.

"I am like most fathers, proud of their children," he said. "But Michael means more to me, because he is my only child. I am proud he chose to join the Air Force Reserve and even more proud he joined the 919<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Wing at Duke Field."

Michael Jr. said he has always planned to join the military.

"It was always something I figured I would do," he said. "I got my associate's degree, wanted a break from school, and I thought it was a good time to join."

"When Michael was 16, he and I started to talk about his future and the many options he had because of his good grades," said Michael Sr. "After taking the ASVAB, all branches of the service were calling him. He spoke with the Marine recruiter, auditioned for the Marine Corps Band, and was accepted after his first audition."

"I think he tried out just to know that he was indeed good



Michael Mazerat Jr., takes the oath of enlistment with Col. Rick Volden, 917<sup>th</sup> Operations Group commander, in June. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant)

enough for the Marine band," he said. "And the Navy almost got him in May for their nuclear program, so I dragged him to Barksdale to talk with him about other options and spend time with him while I had the chance."

"We spoke with Master Sgt. Copeland and were able to look at all the areas he could go into," Michael Sr. said. "I steered Michael toward the intelligence career field, because of its broad and versatile working environment. I thought intel best fit his personality, since he enjoys challenges and dislikes repetition."

And so the history of the Mazerat men continues as Michael Jr. begins his journey this month. When asked why he joined, Michael Jr. quietly replied, "The exposure to the military I've had throughout my life...I'm sure it had an influence."

## Voices: What benefit would you stress to someone about the Air Force Reserve if you were trying to recruit them?



Master Sgt. Stephen Waller  
917<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron

"I would tell them about the education and retirement benefits available."



Chaplain (Capt.) Ralph DeVaul  
917<sup>th</sup> Wing Chaplains Office

"I would always stress the importance of education benefits and the idea of teamwork."



Senior Airman Debra Daily  
917<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron

"I would stress the knowledge and experience you gain in the military."



Master Sgt. W.D. Thorne  
917<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron

"I would stress the educational benefits available and the camaraderie."



# 917th Wing Training Schedule

August 2-3, 2003

Time	Event	Location
<b>Saturday</b>		
0630-0700	Sign-in	Assigned unit
0700	Wing staff meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
0700	Intro -- all newcomers	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0700	Physical exam (flyers)	Base hospital (lobby)
0730	Detailed physical exam (non-flyers)	Base hospital (lobby)
0730-1000	Body fat measurement	Flight medicine
0730-1400	Immunizations	Base hospital, 1st floor
0730-1430	Eyeglass inserts	Bldg. 4845 (by hospital)
0745	Firearms training	Firing range
0800	Routine physical exam	Base hospital, 2nd floor
0800	Initial Warfare (appointment only)	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 329
0800 & 1300	Chem Warfare Refresher	Hangar 7
0900	Anti-terrorism training	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1000	Training Managers mtg.	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 123B
1000	Unit Deployment Managers mtg.	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1000	First sergeants' mtg.	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1300	Flightline drivers training	Bldg. 6825, 3rd floor
1400	917 CF commander's call	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1400	Unit Advisory Council mtg.	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
<b>1550-1610 Sign-out 1550-- MXS 1600-- CES, MSS, WG 1610--MXG</b>		

<b>Sunday</b>		
0630-0700	Sign in	Assigned Unit
0730	Information Management Training	Bldg. 4238, STARBASE
0730	Human Relations	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0730-1430	Immunizations	Base hospital
0745	Firearms training	Firing range
0800-1000	Dental Class 3 profile reviews	Base dental clinic
0800-1300	Eyeglass inserts	Bldg. 4845 (by hospital)
0800	Chem Warfare Refresher	Hangar 7
0800	Career advisor training	Bldg. 6815, T-Net
0830	Substance Abuse	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0900	MSG Change of Command	A-10 hangar
0900	Catholic Mass	Base Chapel 2
0945	EO First Duty Station Part 1	Bldg. 4714, 3rd Floor
1000-1030	Protestant services	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1230	EOC testing	Bldg. 4314, 3rd floor
1300	LDP graduation	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1300	EO First Duty Station Part 2	Bldg. 4714, 3rd floor
1300	Flightline drivers refresher	Bldg. 6825, 3rd floor
1400	SORTS meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1530	47 FS commander's call	47 FS auditorium
<b>1550-1610 Sign-out 1550-- MXS 1600-- CES, MSS, WG 1610--MXG</b>		

## Know anyone who is looking for a recruiter?

### **Barksdale AFB, La.**

Master Sgt. Joe Menna  
Master Sgt. Don Copeland  
1-800-241-4071

### **Monroe, La.**

Master Sgt. Gary Johnson  
318-323-1898

### **Texarkana, Texas**

Tech. Sgt. Matthew Lucas  
903-223-7030

### **Shreveport, La.**

Master Sgt. Ellen Shaheed  
318-683-0331

### **Little Rock AFB, Ark.**

Tech. Sgt. TeNeuss Land  
501-987-7188

### **Mesquite/Tyler, Texas**

Senior Airman Kim Wilhite  
972-681-6384/  
903-534-8618

# SERVICES

## **Military Personnel Flight**

Bldg. 6803, Room 140, 456-9205

### **Saturday**

7 - 11 a.m. Newcomers in-processing  
11 a.m. - 4 p.m. All customer service functions

### **Sunday**

8 a.m. - 2 p.m. All customer service functions

### **Monday - Friday**

7 a.m. - 4 p.m. All services

**NOTE: Customer Service functions include in/out processing, ID cards, DEERS, DD93s, SGLI, vehicle decals, record reviews, etc.**

## **Base Billeting**

**Bldg. 5155, 456-3091/3092**

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week  
(reservations required)

## **Lodging**

For information on official or space "A" lodging call 1-888-AF-LODGE. Key in the first three letters of the base you are trying to reach.

## **Chaplain**

**Bldg. 6803, Room 229, 456-9179**

Friday - Sunday 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Willis (985) 517-0955

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Eubanks (479) 841-4641

Chaplain (Capt.) DeVaul (713) 502-1124

## **Red River Dining Hall**

**Bldg. 4631**

Breakfast 5:30 - 6:30 a.m.

Lunch 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**NOTE: You must show ID card, newcomer's letter or DD form 1172.**

## **Family Readiness**

**Bldg. 4713**

Saturday & Sunday 8-11 a.m.

## **Military drivers license**

Military drivers license issue is available on the main UTA in Bldg. 6825, Rm. 240. Issue hours:

Saturday & Sunday, noon - 2 p.m.

## **Military Pay**

Saturday and Sunday (main UTA) 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## **Gov. Travel Card Service**

**Bldg. 6803, Room 203, 456-9546**

Monday - Friday, Main UTA 6 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

## **Military clothing issue**

**Bldg. 6825, Room 218, 456-7177**

Wednesday 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Saturday (Main UTA) 1-3 p.m.

## **Testing schedule**

### **CDC/PME**

Wed., 9 a.m., 1 p.m., Bldg. 6803, Rm. 123B  
Sun., (Main UTA) 9 a.m. ONLY, Bldg. 6803, Rm. 123B - Course 00005A/00012G

Sun., (Main UTA) 12:30 p.m., Bldg. 4314, Rm. 309  
Sun., (Alt. UTA) 1 p.m., Bldg. 6803, Rm. 123B

### **DANTES/CLEP**

Thurs., 9 a.m., 1 p.m., Bldg. 6803, Rm. 152

Sun., (Main UTA) 12:30 p.m., Bldg. 4314, Rm. 309

### **AFOQT/AFCT**

Sunday of UTA on a quarterly basis as scheduled  
Call Wing Education and Training at 456-7496/  
8066/7506 for times or scheduling requirements.

## **Gas Mask Issue**

Saturday (main UTA) 7-9 a.m., Bldg. 6822



## “I assume command”

Col. Richard Schmidt, 917th Mission Support Group commander, passes the squadron flag to Lt. Col. Donald Moton, who assumes command of the 917th Mission Support Squadron on July 12. Other change of commands which took place in July: Capt. John Rowlands assumed command of the 917th Logistics Readiness Squadron on July 13; and Lt. Col. Harry Chrisman assumed command of the 917th Maintenance Group upon Col. George Pierce's departure on July 13. (See page 5 for coverage.) (Photo by Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant)

## UTA Schedule

### Main

Aug. 2-3  
Sept. 6-7  
Oct. 4-5  
Nov. 1-2  
Dec. 6-7  
**2004**  
Jan. 10-11  
Feb. 7-8  
March 6-7  
April 3-4  
May 1-2  
June 5-6  
July 10-11  
Aug. 7-8  
Sept. 11-12  
Oct. 2-3  
Nov. 6-7  
Dec. 4-5

### Alternate

Aug. 16-17  
Sept. 13-14  
Oct. 18-19  
Nov. 15-16  
No alternate  
**2004**  
Jan. 24-25  
Feb. 21-22  
March 20-21  
April 17-18  
May 15-16  
June 12-13  
July 17-18  
Aug. 21-22  
Sept. 18-19  
Oct. 16-17  
Nov. 20-21  
No alternate

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